

## PEACE EDICT STARTS FLOOD OF LAWSUITS

Millions of Dollars in Securities and Property at Stake in Litigation.

### FINE POINTS INVOLVED

Wives of Ex-Enemies Will File Many Claims to Recover Fortunes.

### COURT RULINGS CONFLICT

Not All War Statutes Voided by Proclamation, So Lawyers Will Be Busy.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Possession of millions of dollars worth of securities and property is involved in a flood of litigation which Government officials expect to swamp courts in every section of the United States as a result of the formal proclamation of peace issued by President Harding. There is no flaw in the proclamation, officials say, but courts always are engulfed with legal squabbles following war.

Attorney-General Daugherty is preparing to defend the Government in a multitude of expected actions and to pass on claims for return of property seized by the Alien Property Custodian during the conflict.

Suits between business concerns and individuals of this and other countries, and especially between citizens of Germany and the United States, constitute another form of expected litigation. Experts in international law at the Commerce Department now are preparing outlines of court decisions in the United States and Germany to guide American business men and attorneys in contending for their rights.

A third aftermath of the peace proclamation is the effect of the document on statutes framed to be effective only during the period of the war emergency.

### War Laws Still Effective.

Assistants to Attorney-General Daugherty, who are studying this situation, believe that the war statutes remaining effective at the time of the proclamation of peace were these:

Trading with the enemy act. Liberty bond laws for the First, Second, Third and Fourth issues. Supplement to Second Liberty bond law. Victory Liberty loan law. Food control and District of Columbia rent law, title number 2.

War Finance Corporation law, titles number 1 and 2. With certain exceptions, these laws would be repealed by the peace proclamation, but their exact status will not be known beyond question until court decisions are had. The Congress joint resolution of March 2 repealed most of the best known war laws.

Titles one and three of the War Finance Corporation law will remain in force to permit the corporation to continue to assist agricultural interests.

The trading with the enemy law will remain in force in so far as it has to do with the property seized by the Alien Custodian. Congress provided, however, that certain classes of property holders might within six months from the termination of the war file claims for the return of their property. In this class of citizens are those of any country except Germany, Austria, Hungary and Turkey. Under the original trading with the enemy law property of enemies cannot be returned by the custodian except upon special authority by Congress. The proclamation of peace does not affect this class of property. Congress must make special provision for its return.

Claim Blanks Being Printed. But citizens of other than enemy countries whose property was taken over by

the custodian because the owners were temporarily residing in an enemy country have until the first week in January to file claims for a return. Application forms for these claims are being prepared by Attorney General Daugherty, acting for President Harding.

Approximately \$350,000,000 of property is held by the Government in 35,000 trusts. A large share of this will be returned as a result of the claims to be filed between now and January. Many American women married to former enemies are expected to file claims.

The property to be returned will include the original seizure plus the income from it during the time the property has been held. Each trust and its income has been kept in a separate account by the Government. The trusts include the real estate, stocks and all kinds of securities and Government bonds.

Many contracts between business men and concerns of the United States and Germany and the other former enemy countries were interrupted by the war. The present status of these contracts is a question that will come up in American courts again and again during the next few years. Commerce Department officials said today. Settlement will be difficult because courts of different countries have made conflicting precedents. One question certain to occur most frequently is this: Is the German agent who distributed products of an American concern before the war under contract with the agent of the American concern? In the United States the courts have held that war dissolves such contracts. German court precedent is just contrary. Millions of dollars are involved in this question alone.

### AIR IS MUCH CLEARER IN OLD AUSTRIAN STATES

Economic Conference Settles Important Questions.

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VIENNA, Nov. 19.—The economic conference of the Austrian succession States at Porto Rose is about to close with a success that will bring much relief to southeastern Europe. Among other decisions is one to reduce the postal fees for interstate traffic, found a special postal union comprising Austria, Rumania and Czechoslovakia, build new telegraph and telephone lines and open air mail service. The protocol is ready for signature. It will also be signed by France, Great Britain and the United States and must be ratified by the Governments by January 1, 1922.



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## TO HAIL AMERICANS AT PORT OF MERSINA

Presence of U. S. Destroyer There Will Be Welcome, Says Paris Paper.

PARIS, Nov. 19.—The Temps attaches

great political importance to the reported ordering of a United States destroyer to the port of Mersina, Asia Minor, for the supposed purpose of protecting the Christian population when the French troops are withdrawn. "British newspapers," declares the Temps, "will have the event as a precious reinforcement and will expect that it will not only watch over the Armenians and Greeks but will also torpedo the Franco-Turkish accord."

"But it is now more than 140 years

since the French and the Americans acquired the habit of fraternizing on the sea," the newspaper points out, "and if a destroyer flying the Stars and Stripes appears before Mersina, where France is now represented by a General and to-morrow will be represented by a civilian, it will be welcome. Its officers and men will be able to appreciate for themselves the sacrifices which France has made for the protection of Christians."

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Washington, D. C., Nov. 19.

No particular significance is attached by the Navy Department to reports from Paris that an American destroyer has been sent to Mersina. There are now in the Black Sea ten American destroyers under command of Admiral Bristol, who is stationed at Constantinople. Admiral Bristol is authorized to send them where he pleases. Admiral Coontz, Chief of Operations, told THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent to-night.

The Navy Department has not been notified of a destroyer being sent to Mersina. Admiral Coontz said that while Admiral Bristol has full authority to act, he felt that if a situation of im-

portance were to develop he would notify the Department. His not having done so is taken to mean that nothing of unusual interest has occurred.

### CASE AGAINST LANDRU IS CLOSED BY STATE

Evidence Concerning Last of Alleged Victims Heard.

VERSAILLES, Nov. 19 (Associated Press).—The State completed its case against Henri Landru, so-called "Bluebeard of Gambais," with the hearing of evidence to-day concerning the last of his alleged victims, Mlle. Marchandier.

On Monday the prosecution will enter upon general evidence of experts and chemists with respect to bones found on the property of Landru at Gambais. The prosecution contends the bones are those of the human frame, while the defense will bring counter experts to swear they are the bones of animals, such as rabbits or sheep.

When the foreman of the jury arose

during the day's proceedings to ask several questions, the chief counsel for the defense, M. Moro-Giafferi, objected to the trend of the examination. He said the juror showed signs of partiality and had indicated his opinion already was formed. The counsel requested that the court declare the juror incompetent and grant a new trial.

It is expected the trial will be concluded by the end of the coming week.

### SERBIA AND ALBANIA REACH AGREEMENT

Accept League Decision as to Boundary.

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Serbia and Albania, having formally agreed to accept the boundary decision of the Allies and live harmoniously as neighbors, the council of the League of Nations in final session to-day decided to give them a blessing and will merely send a League of Nations commission

to Albania to see that she acts on the square with her words.

Despite the tame ending of the council's special session, called at the instance of the British Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, on account of Serbia and Albania, that it has not been of political significance is obvious in view of the attempts of the British representatives to emphasize the league's importance as a European, if not a world, peacemaker—attempts made, apparently, at the instigation of Mr. Lloyd George.

### BRITISH DENY OPPOSING IMMIGRATION LAWS

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Associated Press).

Difficulties of meeting the American immigration restrictions are being energetically tackled by the British steamship companies, according to a report issued today by the North Atlantic Steamship Conference, which includes in its membership the Cunard, White Star and other transatlantic lines.

The report says the American immigration legislation was launched on comparatively short notice, raising the problem to considerable magnitude. The

companies have been aided, it says, by the active and friendly cooperation of American immigration authorities and thus it has been possible to evolve an efficient system of meeting these restrictions.

### REVOLT IN UKRAINE ENTIRELY BROKEN UP

RIGA, Latvia, Nov. 19. (Associated Press).—The anti-Bolshevik movement

in the Ukraine, which has been in progress under Gen. Tutunuk, but was credited with being inspired by Gen. Petlura, leader in numerous previous anti-Bolshevik movements, has been completely broken up, according to the Rosta News Agency, the official Soviet news organization in the Baltic. The Soviet army yesterday captured Gen. Tutunuk's staff near Ovrutsh in Volhynia, says the agency, killing many of his band and making prisoners of numerous others.

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Ermine Straightline Suit Squirrel shawl collar.	124.50	98.50
Suit of Moussyne Platinum Wolf collar, cuffs, border.	198.50	110.00
Moussyne Suit Amer. Broadtail collar, cuffs, border.	198.50	110.00
Handsome Moussyne Suit Beaver collar, tinsel embroidery.	169.50	110.00
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The Grecian aspect of this engagingly simple gown of Brocaded Silk Chiffon Velvet is accentuated by the panels which gracefully drape at the sides. The neckline and outline of the bodice are ornately trimmed with bugle beads and pearls. The waistline has a heavy rope sash of bugle beads attached to it.

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The unique beadwork in a decidedly new motif is the outstanding feature of this coquettish evening gown of Silk Chiffon. The long panels have beaded fringe attached to them. A wide sash of satin encircles the waist, ties in a bow hanging gracefully at the side.

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